GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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NUCLEAR DETERRENCE
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether USA is urging India to spell out its needs for minimum nuclear deterrence;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the stand of the Indian Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU)

(a), (b) & (c) India and the US are engaged in an ongoing dialogue on security, non-proliferation and disarmament issues. This dialogue is predicated on India maintaining a minimum credible nuclear deterrent. India`s minimum deterrent is not a fixed quantification; it is a policy approach dictated and determined in the context of the dynamics of our security environment.